

## REMINDERS

ELDER'S THANKSGIVING DINNER  
FROM 11AM-2PM SPONSORED BY TITLE VI

Iowa Tribe offices closed observing Veterans' day NOVEMBER 11, 2009

IOWA TRIBAL COURT WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 21, 2009 STARTING AT 1:30

Iowa Tribe offices closed observing Thanksgiving Holiday November 25(after 1pm), 26 & 27, 2009

Navajo Code Talkers at Washington Meeting.



Have a Happy  
Thanksgiving  
Holiday

To the Veterans:

We do not forget what you do or what you have done for us. Our prayers are with you, those who are active military and those who are veterans, and those who are not with us.

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## Watu'na Mas(sh)a<sup>n</sup> xla Bah-kho-je

NOTE: IF YOU CAN INTERPRET, DROP A  
NOTE TO THE EDITOR, NO PRIZE, JUST FOR  
FUN.



Pictured left—  
Chairman Kurak  
and Floyd Correa,  
from the Laguna  
Pueblo

Left to right Bill Lomax-NOFOA Chairman,  
Janice Rowe-Kurak-ITO Chairman, RaVene Martin-  
NOFOA, Victor Roubidoux, ITO Wildlife Manager, Darrel  
Watchmen-NAFOA  
Below-Victor Roubidoux-ITO Wildlife Manager



Pictured right—Darrel Watchmen, NOFOA  
officer, of the Navajo Nation, Victor Roubi-  
doux, ITO Wildlife Manager, Janice Rowe-  
Kurak ITO Chairman, Bill Lomax, NOFOA  
President.

In honor of the dedi-  
cation shown to the Iowa  
Tribe, the Iowa Tribal  
Chairman, Janice Rowe-  
Kurak, & Victor Roubi-  
doux, Wildlife Manager  
gave to those who have  
committed time and ef-  
forts. The gratitude meant  
to the Iowa Tribe a great  
deal so that four recipients  
were given eagle feathers  
from Iowa Tribe Grey  
Snow Eagle House, for  
their outstanding service.  
The recipients were  
RaVene Martin from the  
Sycuan tribe of California.  
Ms. Martin has been active  
in assisting the Iowa Tribe  
in raising donations for the  
Bah Kho-Je Xla Chi—  
Grey Snow Eagle House.  
She is a Creek member  
and works for the Sycuan

Tribe as a financial Devel-  
opment Specialist.

The other recipients have  
contributed in areas of  
financial developments to  
help tribes to build their  
financial base.

The presentation was held  
at the Albuquerque, New  
Mexico, at the Santa Anna  
Pueblo Tribe, during Sep-  
tember 8 & 9, 2009.



Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Wildlife Manager Victor  
Roubidoux

### The Native American Finance

Officers Association builds the  
financial strength of tribal gov-  
ernments and their enterprises by  
providing educational forums  
and resources, and by instilling  
finance and accounting best  
practices. They are a national  
not-for-profit organization with  
tribal finance officers, control-  
lers, treasurers, accountants,  
auditors, financial advisors,  
tribal leaders, and more.

NAFOA is unique because they  
focus solely on the financial  
success of tribal entities. We  
provide a central source for the  
latest in financial management  
information and professional  
idea sharing. Through network-  
ing, members connect with ex-  
perts in various financial areas,  
specifically as they apply to  
tribal governments and organiza-  
tions. NOFOA believe that sound fi-  
nancial management strengthens  
tribal governments and organiza-  
tions.

Above pictured is Bill Lomax  
who serves with NOFOA and

has been actively working with  
Tribal governments most of his  
career and has several years ex-  
perience working on Wall Street  
helping tribes with financing and  
investments. Prior to being  
elected NAFOA's President, Bill  
was the 2nd vice-president and  
the main architect of the NA-  
FOA 25th annual conference,  
"The Wall Street Summit." Bill  
has worked actively in the  
area of financial literacy and has  
acted as a trainer in numerous  
Tribal financial education ses-  
sions. An enrolled member of  
the Gitksan Nation, Bill is a  
graduate of the University of  
British Columbia Law School  
and the Columbia University  
Graduate School of Business,  
where he was a Toigo Fellow.

The Iowa Tribe presented a gift  
to Cristina Danforth of the  
Oneida, and Mark Grant of the  
Navajo Nation, and finally to  
Floyd Correa, Pueblo, Laguna.





## FROM AN INTERVIEW BY THE NEWYORK TIMES. Obama to Attend Summit With American Indian Tribes

Janice Rowe-Kurak, chairman of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, has come to Washington to meet with President Obama and other top administration officials in hopes of improving a troubled relationship between American Indians and the federal government.



She and leaders from the 564 federally recognized tribes will meet with Obama and numerous Cabinet secretaries at tomorrow's White House Tribal Nations Conference. They will discuss broken treaty obligations and tribal sovereignty, along with issues of economic development and natural resources, public safety, housing, education and health.

"I think it's significant," Rowe-Kurak said of the summit. "I'm impressed President Obama is reaching out. He made this commitment before he got elected. ... I'm hoping it's a new leaf." But given the long history of abuse and mistrust, she has her doubts things will really change. She points to a meeting she and other tribal leaders had yesterday with Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. The Cabinet member gave them only 15 minutes and didn't hear from any tribal leaders, Rowe-Kurak said, even though they are heads of nations who are "supposed to be on the same level as Obama."

"I'm hoping it'll get a dialogue started," Rowe-Kurak said of the conference. "I'm still skeptical. ... I hope it's more than lip service."

Tomorrow's conference will be the first such meeting since President Clinton hosted one 15 years ago. Obama will deliver the opening and closing remarks and host one session, while six Cabinet secretaries and several other top administration officials also will participate.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar yesterday called the conference a step toward fulfilling Obama's promise to uphold a nation-to-nation relationship with the tribes and open a "new chapter of change."

"We won't be able to reach everybody on Thursday," Salazar said. "We won't be able to wave a magic wand and resolve all the issues, but it is a great foundation for all the work that lies ahead."

Salazar sidestepped a question about whether Obama may issue an executive order apologizing for mistreatment of American Indians by the government over the years. But he acknowledged that the tribes' story has been "swept under the rug in many different ways," and said the current administration plans to change that.

As for why the summit will take place at the Interior Department rather than the White House, Salazar said it was simply a matter of having enough space for all the participants.

Joseph Trujillo, lieutenant governor of the Pueblo Cochiti Tribe in New Mexico, will also be attending the conference and said it's important to the tribal leaders that Obama hear their issues, particularly on tribal sovereignty and treaty rights.

"They have a trust responsibility to Native Americans," he said. "I think we need to bring up that issue again to the president. ... I'm hopeful he might be the president to change things around for us."

But he added that it would be more effective for administration officials to visit the tribes and see their needs firsthand.

### Praise for American Indian appointees

Bernadine Burnette, vice president of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in Arizona, called the conference a "historic event" and welcomed Obama's involvement.

"We're hoping his ears will send back messages to all his Cabinet departments," she said. "It's unfortunate we have to keep pushing and opening those doors."

John Poupart, president of the American Indian Policy Center in St. Paul, Minn., expressed skepticism that the conference would help American Indians in urban settings who are struggling with poverty, crime, violence and other issues.

"I just don't think there's a whole lot of outcomes from these type of things," he said. "They're more ceremonial and trying to keep people mindful of the relationship between the U.S. government and Indian tribes."

But he and other tribal leaders said the Obama administration already has shored up communications with tribes compared with past administrations. They also praised prominent American Indian appointments, including Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk, White House Senior Policy Adviser for Native American Affairs Kim Teehee, White House Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Jodi Gillette, and Indian Health Service Director Yvette Roubideaux.

"I think the appointments speak well for the policy issues, because many of these people come from the reservations themselves, and they have experienced life on the reservation, so they know firsthand what the issues are," Poupart said.

**The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Eagle Rehabilitation Program is currently developing in efforts to protect injured eagles. The Eagle Aviary has increased community awareness of wildlife and increased Eagle population at the facility. The Iowa Tribe is sensitive to the eagles and it brings the cultural relationship even greater than before.**

Mr. Victor Roubidoux serves as the manager, and works daily with the eagles. He has a passion to keep and care for the eagles and constantly works to better the facility for the eagles. Recently, during September, he left the aviary to pick up three eagles, by way of the Native American Officers Association Annual meeting. On Sept. 7th, 2009, Victor traveled to Amarillo, Texas, stayed overnight, got up

the next day and went to Albuquerque, N.M. for the Native American Finance Officers Association Annual meeting. The major importance in attending the meeting for Victor was to meet with the Region 2 Tribal Liaison, Joe Early and Katie Wade. These individuals are Permits Officers and were able to clarify that now, the Aviary can hold 30 non-releasable Eagles in the current facility. Victor also mentioned the presentation at the NAFOA Awards Banquet that evening (see front cover) and the Chairperson did the presenting of Eagle feathers to 4 recipients (Mark Grant - Navaho Nation, Cristina Danforth - Oneida Nation, Floyd Correa - Pueblo of Laguna) and 1 other to RaVene Martin (Creek Nation) for her work in helping raising donations for the Grey Snow Eagle House.



Victor left Albuquerque, N.M., on Sept. 11th and traveled to Moab, Utah, staying overnight. He left Moab, Utah on Sept. 12th, traveled to Price, Utah, to the Second Chance Rehab facility, did an interview with the local television station, picked up the Eagles and traveled to Eagle, Colorado and stayed the night. Problems he ran into were the hotels would not accommodate the eagles he carried. During this time he tried some motels/hotels, but because he had Eagles they couldn't stay, so he tried the American Inn. Finally, the General Manager, Paul "Lonnie" Leto of the American Inn he said, "No problem" when he asked if the eagle could stay in the hotel. We left the next day, Sept. 12th and drove straight through back to the aviary.

### NEWS FROM THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

THE CURRENT GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE-DEANNA BIG SOLDIER, ROBIN MARTIN, FRANCIS DEERE

Please be advised this committee is working on updating grievance procedures, we have recently obtained a post office box. **The new contact address is GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX 481, PERKINS, OK 74059. WE ALSO HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS AT [grievance@iowanation.org](mailto:grievance@iowanation.org).**

Should you need to contact the Grievance, we encourage you to send by mail or by email, any matters that need to be brought to our attention.

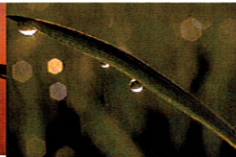
Sincerely,  
Iowa Nation Grievance Committee



# ITO Realty hosted bi-monthly Realty Officers/Realty Directors meetings for the Southern Plains Regional Office.



Pictured left to right, Bruce Maytubby, Deputy Regional Director of Southern Plains Regional Office, and representative from the Kaw Nation, and Pottawatomie nation.



Picture right from left to right is Ms. Sharlene Roundface, Realty Director of the Southern Plains Regional office, next to her is George Beatty, Leasing Manager, Southern Plains Regional office, and (standing) Mr. Robert Hatfield, Regional Supervisory Appraiser -Office of the Special Trustee-Office of appraisal Services.

During the month of September, the Iowa Tribe Realty Office hosted the Realty Officers/Realty Directors bi-monthly meeting initiated to create networking and communication of issues that arise of Trust property. The meeting included all Compact or 638 tribes; the BIA agencies and field offices; and the Southern Plains Regional Office (SPRO). This particular meeting addressed, the new renewable energy issue of Wind Turbines and the potential leasing activity coming to Indian Country. The discussion resulted in the need for more investigation by the SPRO; They intend to detail requirements that need to be addressed in leasing activity, re-

sulting in effective outcomes for the beneficiary. Mr. Alan Woodcock, Tulsa Field Solicitor was also present and briefed attendees on Fee-to-Trust. He also discussed the Department of Justice standards regarding Title Commitments, initiated during the Fee-to-Trust process, he revealed that many counties make public every year an economic impact study and that this resource is used by many tribes when making an application of fee to trust. Mr. Robert Hatfield provided an overview of services that are now rendered by the Office of Special Trustee-Office of Appraisal Services. Previously, the Bureau of Indian Affairs provided ap-

praisals developed by the Area Appraiser. Since litigation created change, the Office of Special Trustee have been delegated this duty. The end result provided for a very productive meeting, and all visitors were provided with a meal and complimentary gifts from our Realty Department, as well as donations from the Social Services Department and the Iowa Casino. The ITO Realty Department says "Thank-you" for the support from our Iowa Tribal programs.



## PREPARING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Realty Department, Probate division, conducted a wills clinic for landowners. Scriveners were of the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (O.I.L.S.). At the clinic, we had seven registered participants (landowners), and for this clinic it was required to obtain preliminary registration, to efficiently service those individuals. The ITO Realty Department have incorporated within their strategic plan-



ning process to provide intercessory service for landowners within the service area. Delores Carter is our current Probate Clerk, she worked very diligently to provide a successful wills clinic. The wills clinic expedited six wills, and with the authorization of the landowner, we have included three photographs to the left top, is Billie Mauldin (pictured center), Lori Franklin, (pictured middle photograph-third to

the right); Third photograph is overview of participants. The ITO Realty department have future plans to continue facilitating the wills clinics. Notices of upcoming wills clinics will be posted in the Bah-Kho-Je Journal. The Iowa Realty Department also thanks the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services for their prompt service and we plan to work toward more estate education.

## November 2009 Elders Activities and Title VI Menu

Subject to change				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Steak Fingers Corn Fresh Cabbage Roll Peaches Milk	3 Chili w/ Cheese-n-Onions Crackers Veggies Sticks Blackberry Cobbler (splenda) Milk	4 Chicken w/ Noodles Green Beans Salad Wheat Bread Fruit Cup Milk	5 Tuna Casserole Green Salad w/ Tomatoes Orange Slices Jello w/ Fruit and Nuts Milk	6 Western Scrambled Eggs Bacon Biscuit w/ gravy Tomato Slices Orange Juice Milk
9 Ham and Beans Spinach Onions and Peppers Cornbread Strawberry Fluff Milk	10 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Asparagus Salad Fruit salad Roll Milk	11 Veteran's Day Closed!!!	12 Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Salad Broccoli Cookies Milk	13 Pancakes Sausage Strawberries Orange Juice Milk
16 Sloppy Joes w/ buns Baked French Fries Green Salad Cinnamon Apples Milk	17 Sliced Ham Sweet Potatoes Spinach Biscuit Peach Crisp (splenda) Milk	18 Corn Soup w/ Beef Boiled 1/2 Potatoes Green Beans Fry Bread Fresh Fruit Milk Elder's Christmas Party is from 11am to 2 pm at the White Cloud Building "Surprise Visitor"	19 Baked Catfish Hush Puppies Cole Slaw Carrots Ice Cream Cup Milk	20 Elders Thanksgiving Dinner Turkey and Dressing Yams and Green Beans Mashed potatoes w/Turkey Gravy Roll
23 Beef Stew Green Salad Corn Bread Tropical Fruit Milk	24 Baked Chicken Zucchini and Tomatoes Corn Wheat Bread Fruit Cup Milk	25 Tuna Salad Pickle Spears Broccoli Salad Baked Lays Chips SF Chocolate Pudding Milk	26 Thanksgiving Closed!!!	27 Thanksgiving Closed!!!
30 Taco Salad W/Lettuce Tomato & Onion Mexican Corn Pineapple Milk				

## Seniors visit to Citizen Potawatomi Nation on October 9<sup>th</sup>.



Pictured is Cornelia Gosney, a recent visitor to the Citizen Band Potawatomi Library, Cultural Center and Museum. Mrs. Gosney was gifted with the green shawl pictured as a token of friendship and mutual respect by Mr. Jerry Lewis, Historian and Potawatomi Tribal Member. She was very appreciative of his gesture. Cornelia Gosney is the daughter of Raymond C. Gawhega, a full-blood Otoe-Missouria and Pearl M. Murray, a full-blood Iowa Tribal Member. Mrs. Gosney was born 1925, and is age 84.

Traveling with the Iowa Tribes Seniors and our Iowa Tribe Librarian, Sandy Tharp, Mrs. Gosney and others met with Jerry Lewis, Historian and Blake Norton, Librarian. Mr. Lewis was kind enough to help guide the Iowa Seniors through the museum and cultural center. Following the tour, he showed the seniors their library and led a very interesting, interactive discussion of Potawatomi history and some interesting facts about how Iowa Tribal Ancestors interacted with those of his tribe.

The Citizen Potawatomi Library is a non-lending Library, but is filled with many reference and historical documents. (Most items may be copied.) Jerry Lewis is a major donor of books and items for the Library's collection. Their cultural center and museum is free admission and has a collection of amazing photos, documents and items.

They focus on preserving the past and present. They have a war memorial. Computer stations are set up throughout their veteran's memorial, by touching the screens you are able to research wars and Potawatomi ancestors that served.

# IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

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**CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION** has integrated employment, training, and related services through Public Law 102-477 to serve the Indian population in central Oklahoma. Under P. L. 102-477, Employment & Training combines funding from Department of Labor (DOL), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and Health & Human Services (HHS). Although no additional Federal dollars are associated with this law, it does allow and encourage combining of resources that has resulted in lowered administrative costs and more dollars reaching participants and more served.

**Citizen Potawatomi Nation—Employment & Training** 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr, Shawnee, OK 74801;  
Physical Address—300 E Walnut, Tecumseh, OK. Telephone: (405) 598-0797 or (800) 880-9880;  
Fax (405) 598-0833

### Equal Employment—Opportunity Statement

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability status in employment. However, individuals of Indian ancestry and Veterans will be given preference by law in initial employment or re-employment. [jobs@iowanation.org](mailto:jobs@iowanation.org)  
<http://www.iowanation.org>

### Early Childhood

Infant/Toddler Teacher Assistant

## Government

Chief Executive Officer

## Administration

Chief Accountant	Housing Management Specialist
IT Manager	Travel Coordinator
Compliance Officer	

### Education

Head Mentor Tutor

## Health

Medical Assistant	Nurse Coordinator
Fitness Coordinator	Dental Assistant

## Cimarron Casino

Bartender/Server	Slot Floor Person
Slot Technician Supervisor	Slot Floor Person Part-Time
Cashier	Security Officer

## Gaming Commission

Executive Director  
Surveillance Officer I  
Surveillance Officer I Part-Time  
Key License Investigator

## **PRESERVATION**

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numerous social ills that plague reservations they survived. Now in the twenty first century, Native Americans are one of the fastest growing populations in the country. How did our ancestors managed to survive in spite of tremendous odds? Simple, it was in their character to persevere. They were taught this virtue from childhood.

**SHAPE THE FUTURE—** BÀH Kho Je are you shaping the future for those yet to come? Send in your stories of achievements, encouragement, thoughts, historical knowledge, cultural traditions no longer observed or similar subjects. Speak to future generations.



**SPECIALIST KENT-IRONHORSE, VIN-  
CENT-985TH CALVARY REGIMEN,  
CALVARY SCOUT, 19TH DELTA MILITARY OC-  
CUPATION SPECIALIST**

- ✦ Service for five years stationed Artesia, New Mexico, Army Post.
- ✦ Has two tours of duty, Iraq, Fort Bliss, Fort Knox, Kentucky.
- ✦ He enjoys being a calvary scout, the calvary scout is the first army member that goes out looking for the enemy.
- ✦ Grandson of Lawrence Murray.
- ✦ Resides in New Mexico.



The Cavalry Scout serves at the primary source of information for his superior/ commander. When intelligence and information about the enemy is required, it is the job of the cavalry scout to obtain it. The Cavalry Scout is very important in Today's Army. As a Cavalry Scout he works with various explosives, mines and weaponry. When information and intelligence about the enemy is required, it is the job of the Cavalry Scout to obtain it. The Scout is the informational eyes and ears for the Commander. The Scout is often called to direct fire of various weapons onto enemy positions.

The Cavalry Army Scout is required to be in physical and mental top condition and be ready to have the ability and the willingness to face danger and accept challenges encountered.

On November 6th, the Bah-Kho-Je Editor had the opportunity, to meet Specialist Vincent Kent-IronHorse. At this time I asked him what he would like to see the tribe accomplish. **His request and desire of the Iowa Tribe is “for the tribe to take care of the Iowa Tribal members living here and within the United States, and even abroad”.**

He remarked that the job market where the tribe is located, the jobs are very minimal, and he would like opportunities for educational needs to be met, so that even if the tribal member doesn't reside here in Oklahoma, that the tribal member can at least get resources from the tribe to better their education.

★ Thank-you SPECIALIST KENT-IRONHORSE,  
★ FOR serving in the Calvary Scout-U.S. Army,  
★ you will be in the prayers of the Iowa Tribe and  
★ we hope of all who read this article. You are the  
★ future, AND THE IOWA TRIBE IS PROUD of  
★ YOU, and the service you provide.

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Council Person  
**Renee**  
**Lincoln Prince**

## Tribal Assistance

2009

The following are program changes to Tribal Assistance for the benefit of our tribal members:

**Eyeglasses and dental** were combined with a total benefit amount of \$1000 per year per tribal member. This will allow tribal members who do not need eyeglasses to use the full \$1000 on dental care and vice versa.

**Prescription Assistance** was increased to provide a total annual benefit of \$500 per tribal member. This is an increase of \$400 per year.

**Household assistance** has been increased to provide an annual benefit of \$1200 which is an increase of \$500 per year for all tribal members 18 and older. This assistance is available \$600 January – June and \$600 July – December.

**Elder's assistance** has been increased to \$1200 per year per elder providing a \$500 increase per elder. This assistance is available \$600 January – June and \$600 July – December.

**School Expense assistance** has been adjusted to all school age students to receive a revised benefit of \$1000 per year rather than \$400 per year. Original receipts are required. This benefit is available at \$500 January – June and \$500 July – December.

**High School Senior assistance** has been increased to provide \$1000 per year per senior.

**Hearing Aid assistance** has been adjusted to provide a benefit of \$1000 per tribal member every two years.

## Iowa Tribe touching the World

Linda Jordan with Oklahoma Dept of Libraries is shown holding a donated copy of *E tog wah (Grandson) Learns to Count the Animals*, written and illustrated by Bobi Rousch and language assistance by Bob Fields. The book also includes many wonderful illustrations by the Tribal Youth. The book will now be offered by Oklahoma Dept of Libraries on WorldCat.

WorldCat is the world's largest network of library content and services. WorldCat libraries are dedicated to providing access to their resources on the Web, where most people start their search for information.



Ho, Bha Kho Je,

"We Like to Color Our A B Cs," is the second of three books to be distributed to the children of tribal members. Additional copies will be made available at a later date. Watch for distribution date and location soon to be announced. Submitted by the Cultural Preservation Office.

This is a coloring book that is an interactive language learning tool for children to learn Bah Kho Je words through visual objects and phonetic pronunciations. The idea is for children to color the alphabet letters, color the object, and, if desired, draw and color their own matching object in the additional space provided. Children learn well through repetition and hands-on interaction.

Obviously, this is not an all comprehensive alphabet book but includes particular words of the Bah Kho Je language. Many of these words have descriptive origins, bases, and meanings. Hopefully, the words chosen for this book represent common words that children can readily identify and understand through visual contact.

It should be noted speakers of the same language do not always pronounce words exactly the same way as other speakers, and it shouldn't be assumed they do. These Bah Kho Je words are phonetically spelled for ease of pronunciation. Bold print is used where emphasis in tone or pitch is needed.

TO:

Officer Lyle Washington  
**CONGRATULATIONS**

FROM THE IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA.

WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR SUCCESS,  
AND YOUR DETERMINATION TO  
ACHIEVE.



## Tribal Member Elected to OSU Alumni Association

On September 19, 2009, Tribal Member and OSU Alum, Christie Modlin was nominated and elected to the position of Vice-President of the OSU Native American Alumni Association. She will serve as Vice-President for a term of one year and then next year she will move into the position of President of the association. Christie graduated OSU in May 1998 with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration and was named on the Dean's Honor Roll that same year.

Ms. Modlin, served as the former Chairman of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma 2007-2009. While in office she was named one of the Top 10 Women in Gaming in 2007 by Casino Enterprise Management Magazine and received the Chairman's Leadership Award from the National Indian Gaming Association in 2007. Prior to this position she has been active in the Tribe for many years in various capacities such as Election Board, Pow-Wow Committee, Director for the American Indian Exposition, Gaming Commissioner, Housing Commissioner, BKJ Board of Directors as well as working for the Tribe with her most recent position as the Executive Director of the Gaming Commission. She was instrumental in developing the Gaming Commission during her term as Tribal Secretary.

Christie has served on the Board of Directors of the National Indian Gaming Association as the Southern Plains Delegate for over six years, 2 years as the Southern Plains Area Vice President to the National Congress of American Indians, and one term as the At-Large Delegate to Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association. She has an extensive career in gaming regulation and has worked for the Iowa Tribe, Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Kickapoo Tribe, and now the Pawnee Nation.

Christie is the daughter of Dollie McClellan-Modlin and the late Marvin Modlin. Her Grandparents are the late Elvina Small-McClellan and the late Frank McClellan Sr. and her Great-Grandparents are the late Phoebe and Ed Small. Her mother Dollie Modlin is very proud of her daughter and wants to congratulate her on her latest achievement. **GO POKES!!!!**

## OFFICER LYLE WASHINGTON

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Police Department proudly acknowledges the graduation of Iowa Tribal Member Lyle Washington from the Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training Basic Academy class number 80904. Officer Washington completed 14 ½ weeks of intensive on-site training in Ada, Oklahoma. This training gives a new officer the core knowledge necessary to work as a police officer.

Officer Washington successfully completed 576 hours of training in a variety of areas. Criminal and traffic law, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, first aid and human relations and ethics are just some of the areas of instruction during this basic academy. Other police related subjects Officer Washington completed were accident investigation, criminal investigation, domestic violence and sexual assault, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, radar operation, drug and narcotic crimes, alcohol crimes and firearms training. All of these areas must be studied and passed by the officer before graduating.



BIA IRR bridge funds in the amount of \$1,220,000.00 have been approved and released for the reconstruction of two (2) rural bridges in the Fallis, Lincoln County, Oklahoma area. Lincoln County Commissioners Ricky Taylor has been advised that \$600,000.00 for one bridge and \$620,000.00 for the other bridge have been secured for this purpose. In the next few months, the county will let the projects out for bids. Construction of the 2 bridges will commence after the county awards contracts to the successful bidders.

## INDIAN RESERVATION ROAD PROGRAM

## Vocational Rehabilitation

### Voc-Rehab News---

The United States Department of Education has announced that the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation Program (VR) has been awarded a five year grant for \$2,156,087.00. This will be the fourth cycle of operations for Voc-Rehab and has been operating since 1993. The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Voc-Rehab program provide services to Native Americans that live within our seven counties Kay, Lincoln, Logan, Noble, Pottawatomie, Pawnee and Payne that have a disability that is an impediment to employment.

Rose Malone, VR Director has been appointed by Governor Brad Henry to serve as a member on the board for the Statewide Independent Living Council for the term expiring September 23, 2012.



The Oklahoma Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Council is a council comprised of all eight Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Programs in Oklahoma (Iowa, Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Delaware, Muscogee Creek, Apache, Cheyenne & Apapaho) is very excited and proud to be hosting this national tribal 2009 CANAR (Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation) Annual Conference: "Changing Wind", November 28-December 2, in Norman, Oklahoma. Ron Baker, Iowa Tribe VR and Wade Walters, Muscogee Creek VR has been picked by the council to serve as the emcees for this national conference.

### Collaboration and Networking with Partners

Social services programs and staff made outstanding efforts to prioritize collaboration and networking with service providers. The effort to make face to face contacts with agencies and workers has been very effective in advocating for services and clients. The resources and benefits gained through that effort have established working and respectful relationships with valuable partners. networking meetings have been well attended by the staff. The staff provided tribal service presentation and met with Stillwater Domestic Violence Center staff, another important partner-

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
2009 CANAR Annual Conference: Changing Wind  
November 28—December 2  
**IN OKLAHOMA!**

**Oklahoma Tribal**  
Many Nations  
United Voices  
Vocational Rehabilitation Council

Embassy Suites Norman  
Hotel and Conference Center  
2501 Conference Drive  
Norman, OK 73069  
1-800-362-2779

Group Name: Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation  
Group Code: CAR  
E-Reservations for the Hotel:  
http://www.embassysuites.com/groupreservations.cfm?SEAS=CAR20091122&tab=1

**OKTAV POW WOW**  
Monday Night

**CANAR Awards Banquet**  
Tuesday Night

### Collaboration and Networking (cont'd)

These efforts are made through each quarters of the year and examples are mentioned here. During the first quarters, the Iowa tribal program staff was among the fourteen tribes that met with the Oklahoma County judges in Oklahoma City. The group met with Judge Alcorn, Judge Kirby, Judge Shaw, Judge Stuart and Judge Sullins for a discussion on procedural matters on juvenile cases. It was a very positive example of interaction of the tribes and the Oklahoma County judges. The judges are to be commended for meeting with the tribes and especially taking time out from a busy schedule to attend the meeting. The staff has attended state committee meetings with state workers and other tribal workers on a monthly basis. The committee addresses foster care, adoption, and child welfare and child protection. The Shawnee Area Native American Child protection Team meetings have been attended and the staff participates in all the CPT activities. The social services had collaboration awareness for the surrounding law enforcement to met and greet tribal service providers. The attending law enforcement departments presented information of their services and staff. The OGE

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## TRIBAL AIR PROGRAM

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma was awarded a one-year (FY09) Air Quality Grant from the U.S. EPA - Region 6. Funds will be used to strengthen the capabilities of the Office of Environmental Services (OES) with managing an air quality program, which will ultimately enable the Tribe to implement effective management activities needed to protect and manage air quality within the Iowa jurisdictional boundary. Funds will also be used for outreach and to update the Tribe's air pollution source inventory list from year 2004.



## LAND & AIR

### What is open burning?

By definition, open burning occurs when you burn anything outside.

Depending on the circumstances, open burning may or may not be a violation.

Examples of when open burning is a violation:

- Burning your household trash when you DO have trash collection service available
- Burning tires/rubb

er, plastic or other materials that produce toxins

- Any open burning by a business or municipality

Examples of when open burning is not a violation:

- Camp fires
- Bonfires (such as at pep rallies, burning of the greens, etc.)
- Burning your household

### NOTICE

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2009, THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION OFFICE WILL BE SWITCHING TO A NEW UPGRADED SYSTEM FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION. THE NEW SYSTEM ALLOWS FOR A NEW UPDATED LOOK FOR THE IOWA TRIBE TITLE AND REGISTRATION FORM AND A MORE EFFICIENT METHOD TO RETRIVE YOUR INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION.

REMEMBER THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION OFFICE REQUIREMENTS FOR A TRIBAL TAG REMAINS THE SAME.

- APPLICATION MUST BE MADE BY TRIBAL MEMBER
  - ORIGINAL TITLE
  - OKLAHOMA INSURANCE VERIFICATION
  - TRIBAL MEMBERS NAME MUST BE INCLUDED ON LIEN
  - IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA ENROLLMENT CARD
- MOTOR VEHICLE AUTHORIZATION FOR REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT MUST BE ON FILE FOR SOMEONE OTHER THAN TRIBAL MEMBER TO SIGN FOR REGISTRATION APPLICATION**



### NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2009

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

#### A PROCLAMATION

The indigenous peoples of North America—the First Americans—have woven rich and diverse threads into the tapestry of our Nation's heritage. Throughout their long history on this great land, they have faced moments of profound triumph and tragedy alike. During National Native American Heritage Month, we recognize their many accomplishments, contributions, and sacrifices, and we pay tribute to their participation in all aspects of American society.

This month, we celebrate the ancestry and time-honored traditions of American Indians and Alaska Natives in North America. They have guided our land stewardship policies, added immeasurably to our cultural heritage, and demonstrated courage in the face of adversity. From the American Revolution to combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, they have fought valiantly in defense of our Nation as dedicated servicemen and women. Their native languages have also played a pivotal role on the battlefield. During World Wars I and II, Native American code talkers developed unbreakable codes to communicate military messages that saved countless lives. Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars. Our debt to our First Americans is immense, as is our responsibility to ensure their fair, equal treatment and honor the commitments we made to their forebears.

The Native American community today faces huge challenges that have been ignored by our Government for too long. To help address this disparity, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocates more than \$3 billion to help these communities deal with their most pressing needs. In the Fiscal Year 2010 budget, my Administration has proposed over \$17 billion for programs carried out by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, and other Federal agencies that have a critical role to play in improving the lives of Native Americans. These programs will increase educational opportunities, address the scourge of alcohol abuse and domestic violence, promote economic development, and provide access to comprehensive, accessible, and affordable health care. While funding increases do not make up for past deficiencies, they do reflect our determination to honor tribal sovereignty and ensure continued progress on reservations across America.

As we seek to build on and strengthen our nation-to-nation relationship, my Administration is committed to ensuring tribal communities have a meaningful voice in our national policy debates as we confront the challenges facing all Americans. We will continue this constructive dialogue at the White House Tribal Nations Conference held in Washington, D.C., this month. Native American voices have echoed through the mountains, valleys, and plains of our country for thousands of years, and it is now our time to listen.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2009 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 27, 2009, as Native American Heritage Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

BARACK OBAMA

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